

Integrity and
Excellence in
Engineering

Tau Beta Pi

Homepage & Publications

Our web page at www.tbp.org contains much information about our activities.

Tau Beta Pi publishes a quarterly magazine for students, graduates, and more than 71,000 life subscribers, including practicing engineers in all engineering fields. THE BENT reaches 91,000 subscribers.

Active student members, advisors, and engineering deans also receive THE BULLETIN, published three times annually and featuring news and information of special interest to the collegiate chapters.

More than an Honor Society

Our goals are greater than simply recognizing outstanding engineers. Tau Beta Pi's second objective is "to foster a spirit of liberal culture in engineering colleges." We believe that technical knowledge alone is not enough preparation for an engineer in our complex world. A liberal education creates an awareness of history and future potential, preparing engineers to be responsive to others and to be leaders in their communities.

A.C.H.S.

Tau Beta Pi was a founding member of the Association of College Honor Societies in 1925 and has remained an active leader since then.

The A.C.H.S. encourages 65 national collegiate honor societies to maintain high standards for the recognition and promotion of academic excellence in higher education.



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Tau Beta Pi — National Engineering Honor Society



Who Are We?

Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society, was founded in 1885 by Dr. Edward H. Williams Jr. while a professor at Lehigh University to recognize students of distinguished scholarship and exemplary character.

Now with 420,000 initiated members, the society has 220 collegiate chapters and 13 active alumnus chapters. Tau Beta Pi has a world-wide reputation because of its high standards for membership.

Its members include five Draper prize winners, seven postage stamp honorees, nine winners of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, 15 Nobel laureates, 33 recipients of the National Medal of Technology, 25 honorees in the National Inventors Hall of Fame, 42 astronauts, 69 recipients of the National Medal of Science, hundreds of members of the National Academy of Engineering, hundreds of corporate CEOs, three state governors, and even a few Olympic athletes and NFL football players. Thousands of members have received top awards in their national engineering societies. Tau Beta Pi are known as responsible leaders in their fields.

Background

Tau Beta Pi's headquarters is located at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The national Convention, held in a different city each year, governs the Association through 300 representatives from collegiate chapters and a few national officers.

Collegiate chapters are governed by the student members who elect their own leaders.

What's Happening?

Tau Beta Pi nationally grants

- undergraduate scholarships,
- graduate fellowships,
- laureate awards,
- educational loans, and
- leadership training.

Chapter projects emphasize our objectives of

- recognizing outstanding engineering students and professionals
- encouraging engineers to participate in the college, the community, and in non-technical fields.



• **The Fellowship Program** has awarded \$2,985,000 in stipends for graduate study.

• **The Student Loan Program** has provided \$700,000 in educational loans.

• **The Laureate Program** has made grants of \$2,500 to 41 students who have excelled in extracurricular activities.

• **The Engineering Futures Program** provides trained instructors to teach interpersonal and leadership development skills to 1,500 students annually.

Lifetime Recognition



On 220 campuses across the country, Tau Beta Pi chapters honor their fellow students by inviting them to join the nation's second-oldest honor society. Membership does not end with graduation, but represents a lifetime recognition of each member's special achievements. Each one shares, during his or her entire career, in the respect Tau Beta Pi has earned all over the world for following its high principles.

Membership Requirements

• Distinguished Scholarship —

Responsible students in the *upper eighth* of their junior engineering class or the *upper fifth* of their senior or graduate engineering classes are eligible for consideration for membership in their college's chapter.

• Exemplary Character —

Good character is the second requirement. A Tau Beta Pi member has personal integrity, a wide range of interests, adaptability, and participates unselfishly in volunteer activities.